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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 5055

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, KU
SUBJECT: REPORTED KUWAITI INTEREST IN PURCHASING M-48 AND M-60
TANKS

REF: BONN 14513.

1. REGARDING ASSERTED KUWAITI INTEREST IN BUYING US-SOURCE
TANKS (REFTEL), WE HAVE NO INFORMATION WHICH WOULD TEND
TO CORROBORATE THIS REPORT. INDEED, WITH THE KUWAITI
AVERSION TO USED EQUIPMENT AND WITH THE TINY KUWAITI
ARMY POSSESSED OF THREE KINDS OF BRITISH TANKS ALREADY--NEWLY
PURCHASED CHIEFTAINS ARE STILL ARRIVING--WE DO NOT BELIEVE
THAT KUWAIT WOULD PURCHASE M-48S OR M-60S FOR ITSELF.
REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF A PURCHASE FOR A THIRD
COUNTRY, KUWAIT POLICY IS TO REFRAIN FROM SUPPLYING
MILITARY MATERIEL. WE WOULD NOT, HOWEVER, DISMISS OUT
OF HAND THE POSSIBILITY OF KUWAITI FINANCING FOR A TANK
PURCHASE BY AN ARAB COUNTRY.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY FURTHER INFORMATION
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ON THIS SUBJECT WHICH MAY BE DEVELOPED.
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